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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/651,840 Conf. No.: 8172
Applicant: Richard G. CARTLEDGE et al.
Filed: August 29, 2003
Title: IMPLANTABLE DEVICES FOR CONTROLLING THE INTERNAL
CIRCUMFERENCE OF AN ANATOMIC ORIFICE OR LUMEN
TC/A.U.: 3731
Examiner: Natalie R. Pous
Docket No.: 28099-0006

Commissioner for Patents
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LETTER REQUESTING PTO FORM-1449

Dear Sir:

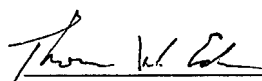
Applicants appreciate the allowance of this application. However, upon review of the file, Applicants note the PTO Form-1449 filed April 27, 2007, has not been returned initialed by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully request the PTO Form-1449 filed on April 27, 2007, be returned by the Examiner, initialed at each reference as well as signed and dated were appropriate, to the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dated: July 26, 2007

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